Will Smith Named Hockey East Player of the Month

Celebrini, Hutson, Fowler Tabbed as Top Rookie, Defender, Goalie

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HOCKEY EAST PLAYER OF THE MONTH

Will Smith - Boston College
(Fr., F; Lexington, Mass.)

Smith’s 12 points and six goals were both the third-most of any player in the NCAA in January. In just six games, his 2.00 points per game was fourth-highest in the country. He compiled a plus-eight rating, third in the nation, and netted one game-winning goal. He led Hockey East in points, was second in goals, and third in plus/minus, and did so without taking a single penalty.

Runner-Up - Jack Williams, Northeastern

Macklin Celebrini - Boston University
(Fr., F; Vancouver, B.C.)

Celebrini tied for the national lead among all players with eight goals in January, adding two assists for 10 points and the third-best mark in Hockey East. He began the month with three multi-point efforts and registered at least two points in four of his seven games. He netted three power-play goals, fourth-most in the NCAA, and won 52% of his faceoffs. His 46 shots were second in the NCAA.

Runner-Up - Ryan Leonard, Boston College

Lane Hutson - Boston University
(Sc., D; Barrington, Ill.)

Hutson was fourth nationally and first in Hockey East among defensemen with 11 points thanks to two goals and nine assists. His 11 points ranked second among all league players regardless of position. He had three multi-point efforts in January, including four assists at Vermont on Jan. 19.

Runner-Up - Aidan Hreschuk, Boston College

Jacob Fowler - Boston College
(Fr., G; Melbourne, Fla.)

Fowler’s five wins in six games in January were the most in Hockey East and second in the NCAA. The rookie goaltender made at least 30 stops in four starts, including three straight to start the month, and allowed two goals or fewer in half of his starts. He made 174 saves, fifth-most in conference, while his .921 save percentage was the fourth-highest.

Runner-Up - Jakob Hellsten, New Hampshire